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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: **In the Matter of Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum
Through Elimination of Barriers to the Development
of Secondary Markets
WT Docket No. 00-230**

Ex parte Presentation of the Rural Cellular Association

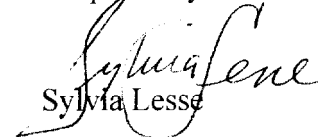
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Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 29, 2001, Stephen G. Kraskin and Sylvia Lesse, counsel to the Rural Cellular Association ("RCA"), met with Kathy Harris, Don Johnson, William Huber and Paul Murray of the Commission's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the referenced matter. The participants discussed RCA's position regarding the public interest necessity for the Commission to promote the efficient utilization of spectrum already allocated to rural areas through a variety of methods, including the adoption of leasing arrangements which encourage and protect significant investment in the infrastructure required to provide service to sparsely-populated areas. Noting its stated concern that leasing arrangements are insufficient to meet the requirements of consumers living in rural areas, RCA emphasized the importance of the Commission's giving careful consideration to RCA's fill-in proposal as a means to ensure that spectrum is utilized in rural areas where demand warrants.

Should there be any questions, please contact this office.

Respectfully submitted,


Sylvia Lesse

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